Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 20 Sep 2024 until 23:59 on Saturday 21 Sep 2024

Forecast Issued on Thursday 19 Sep 2024 at 14:01

Confidence: High for main synoptic situation and trend to more unsettled weather, however moderate for extent and thickness of low cloud and fog overnight on Thursday into Friday, as well as exact location of heavy, thundery showers during Friday and Saturday afternoon.

Headline for Friday 20 Sep 2024: Low cloud clearing to bring sunny spells and risk of heavy, thundery showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 20 Sep 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG				
Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Sunny intervals	Thundery showers	Thundery showers	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%	60%	60%	20%

Forecast for Friday 20 Sep 2024

Weather: A cloudy start with mist and fog lingering in the valleys, and widespread low cloud, hill fog and possibly some patchy drizzle upon summits. Some bright spells developing by midday, however showers are expected to arrive from the east soon after. These may be heavy at times, and bring a risk of hail and thunder through the afternoon. Whilst some regions of the park will remain dry, where thundery showers do occur, they will bring frequent lightning, gusty winds, potentially some large hail, as well as brief spells of heavy rain.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 20% rising to 80% by the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Cloud bases widely 300-400m with hill fog and patchy drizzle bringing poor visibility through the morning. Cloud gradually lifting to be above the summits by midday, however a good chance that bases will temporarily lower to around 500m in the afternoon amongst heavy showers with poor visibility. Otherwise, generally excellent visibility and air clarity outside of showers.

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Forecast for Friday 20 Sep 2024

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	16/22 NE	15/20 NE	17/23 NE	17/23 NE	16/22 NE	15/22 NE	12/19 NE	15/22 NE	14/21 NE
300	10/19 NE	10/20 NE	11/20 NE	11/21 NE	11/20 NE	10/20 NE	6/15 NE	8/18 NE	9/18 NE
Valley	9/19 NE	10/19 NE	10/20 NE	11/21 NE	10/20 NE	9/19 NE	6/15 E	7/19 NE	9/20 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	11/8	10/7	10/6	10/7	12/9	14/12	13/10	12/9	11/8
300	12/10	12/10	11/9	12/10	15/13	17/15	14/14	13/12	12/11
Valley	13/12	13/11	12/10	13/11	16/14	18/16	15/14	14/13	13/12
Freezing Level*	2400m	2300m	2300m	2200m	2300m	2300m	2400m	2300m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Alongside the risk of thundery downpours during Friday and Saturday, it is advised not to take shelter under or near trees which may be struck by lightning, and if you are upon hills, try to move to lower ground.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
14:00 on Wed 18 Sep 2024	0mm	0.2mm	1.8mm

Forecast for Saturday 21 Sep 2024

Weather: A similar day to Friday. Cloudy to start with widespread low cloud, hill fog and possibly some patchy drizzle upon summits. Some bright spells developing by midday with a risk of further showers, these possibly heavy and thundery. Whilst some regions of the park will remain dry, where thundery showers do occur, they will bring frequent lightning, gusty winds, potentially some large hail, as well as brief spells of heavy rain.

Maximum wind: East to northeasterly 20-25 mph, gusting 30-40 mph. Strongest gusts in heavy showers.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 20% rising to 80% by the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Cloud bases widely 300-400m with hill fog through the morning. Cloud gradually lifting to be above the summits by midday, however a chance that bases will temporarily lower to around 500m in the afternoon amongst heavy showers. Poor visibility during morning fog and amongst any heavy, thundery afternoon showers. Otherwise, generally excellent visibility and air clarity.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 12 Celsius rising to plus 20 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 9 Celsius, rising to plus 14 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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